

1. A method of controlling a printer having a ready status and an on-but-not-ready status comprising
starting a timer when said printer is in said ready status only when a predetermined control signal is entered into said printer,
5 continuing said printer in said ready status until said timer defines a predetermined time interval, and
changing said printer to said on-but-not-ready status when said timer defines said predetermined time interval.
2. The method as in claim 1 in which said printer has a mirror rotated at a first speed for optical scanning, said printer reduces said speed of rotation of said mirror at said on-but-not-ready status, and said predetermined time interval is substantially less than the time for said mirror to reach said reduced speed and to return to said first speed.
3. The method as in claim 1 in which said predetermined signal comes from a host receiving page data scanned from scanned pages and said signal defines said predetermined time based in the time between said scanned pages.
4. The method as in claim 2 in which said predetermined signal comes from a host receiving page data scanned from scanned pages and said signal defines said predetermined time based in the time between said scanned pages.